**Rising demand for admissions in Engineering Colleges**

*340. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about four lakh school leavers at the 10+2 level seek admission to various engineering colleges every year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of such students is increasing every year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only two per cent of them are finally getting admission; and

(d) the plans of Government to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (d) The intake capacity of engineering colleges approved by the All India Council for Technical Education at the degree level is 1.15 lakhs (approx.). Though the exact number of students seeking admission to various engineering colleges in the country is not available, it is a fact that a large number of school leavers seek admissions. The number of actual admissions depends upon the successful fulfilment of the admission criteria prescribed by various institution and the number of seats available. Though the number of engineering collges have gone up significantly in the recent years, the demand for admissions is bound to be always on a higher side as compared to the available admission capacity.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

**Rehabilitation Programme for Terrorist-Affected Women and Children**

2216. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rehabilitation programme for terrorist-affected women and children in the State of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the funds released by Government under this programme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Punjab has released an amount of Rs. 8461.07 lacs for providing cash relief to terrorist affected widows and children during the last three years.

**Allocation for dobling of railway lines in Kerala**

2217. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the doubling of railway lines in Kerala in this year's budget; and

(b) the amount spent as on date?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Rs. 62.79 crores.

(b) Rs. 17.30 crores upto 31.10.96. The expenditure, it is expected, would get accelerated in the balance period (i.e. Oct' 96-March' 97) with increased pace of work.

**मध्य प्रदेश में सरकारी सहायता प्राप्त पर्यावरणीय संरक्षण संबंधी परियोजनाएं**

**2218. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

**(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में पर्यावरण के संरक्षण हेतु केन्द्रीय सहायता से कौन-कौन सी परियोजनायें आरम्भ की गई हैं;**

**(ख) इस संबंध में परियोजना-वार उपलब्धियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और**

**(ग) इनमें से प्रत्येक परियोजना के अन्तर्गत कितनी वित्तीय सहायता राशि उपलब्ध करायी गई है?**

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद) : (क) से (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा के लिए मध्य प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय सहायता से आरंभ की गई परियोजनाएं तथा भौतिक और वित्तीय उपलब्धियों का ब्यौरा विवरण में दिया गया है।**